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under the Windan Bridge
tide draws east
pulls current between pillars

cormorants
double strokes
prepare for landing

a boat changes course
coordinates where pelicans once stood
throats open to fishermen

an ibis steps out
digs trenches
underfoot

gum leaves
set dams
flood river plain

seagulls
hide neck
dream ripples

in window dust
commuters close eyes
smear glass

pillars under bridge
bring them home

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